

APPENDIX 2

RATIONALISATION OF HWRCs

Draft response from Head of Environmental Services-

Lancaster City Council notes the report.

1. With regard to the recommendation-

'It is recommended that neither Salt Ayre nor Keer Bridge HWRCs are closed as part of this review.'

The Council supports this recommendation. Salt Ayre as the report identifies is an extremely well used and in terms of proximity to population a well located facility. Keer Bridge is well used and highly valued by residents of Carnforth and the rural communities to the North of the District.

2. With regard to the recommendation-

'However, future consideration should be given - separately to this review - to the further refining and improvement of the HWRC network by replacement of both facilities with a new HWRC which better accommodates the number of visits and tonnages generated in the district.'

Lancaster City Council would wish to contribute from the outset to any further considerations that the County Council decides to make in this regard. A new purpose built HWRC would be a welcome facility. However, it would be especially important to ensure that a single replacement facility did not create a negative environmental impact in terms of extra car journeys and increased distances travelled. The value to the community of Keer Bridge as a facility should not be underestimated. The City Council would request that when future consideration is given to the further refining and improvement of the network it is not just focussed on the one option of replacing both facilities with a new HWRC. There may be a business case for both a new HWRC and retention of the Keer Bridge facility that would also be worthy of consideration.

3. With regard to the recommendation-

'That Garstang HWRC is closed'

Some residents in the South of the Lancaster District currently use the HWRC at Garstang. Closing Garstang will mean that these residents would in future most likely use the facility at Salt Ayre, thus further increasing the demand on the Salt Ayre facility. In addition it would be likely that some residents of Wyre would use Salt Ayre as an alternative to Garstang this could place further strains on the Salt Ayre facility